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SUBJECT: BERENGER GIVES RADIO INTERVIEW DURING VISIT TO SEYCHELLES

1. PAUL BERENGER, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT (MMM) AND A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF SEYCHELLES' PRESIDENT FRANCE ALBERT RENE, JACQUES HODOUL AND OTHER LEADERS OF NEW GOVERNMENT, VISITED SEYCHELLES JUNE 22-24. BERENGER HAD MEETINGS WITH RENE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND WAS INTERVIEWED IN FRENCH ON RADIO SEYCHELLES.

2. IN PORTION OF INTERVIEW DEVOTED TO SEYCHELLES DEVELOPMENTS, BERENGER RECALLED THAT HE HAD LAST VISITED SEYCHELLES AS A TRANSIT PASSENGER ONLY A FEW HOURS AFTER JUNE 5 COUP D'ETAT AND HAD TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF STOP-OVER TO CALL ON COUP LEADERS TO EXPRESS "SOLIDARITY OF MMM WITH SEYCHELLOIS PEOPLE". HE COMMENTED THAT JUNE 5 COUP WAS "PROFOUNDLY FELT" IN COMOROS, REUNION, MAURITIUS AND MADAGASCAR AND ADDED HE IS CONVINCED IT WOULD SERVE AS EXAMPLE TO COUNTRIES IN INDIAN OCEAN REGION, WHICH "WOULD PROGRESS ON ROAD TO LIBERTY AND TRUE INDEPENDENCE".

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3. TURNING TO MAURITIAN POLITICAL SCENE, BERENGER REVIEWED THE RESULTS OF DECEMBER 20 ELECTIONS IN WHICH MMM WON 34 OF 70 SEATS AND SAID ONLY COALITION BETWEEN LABOR AND "EXTREME RIGHTIST" PARTY HAD PREVENTED MMM FROM COMING TO POWER. HE CLAIMED MMM IS ONLY MAURITIAN PARTY WHICH REPRESENTS LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF ALL AND THAT PRESENT COALITION IS FAILING BADLY IN DEFENDING INTERESTS

OF "BIG CAPITALISTS". BERENGER ALSO ASSERTED THAT APRIL 24
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, IN WHICH MMM RECEIVED 52 PERCENT OF POPULAR
VOTE AMMOUNTED TO VOTE OF CONDEMNATION OF COALITION GOVERNMENT.

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